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RESPONSE

Responsive to the office action mailed July 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10, 13, 15, 46, and 50 as follows:

*At Sub B1* 1. (Amended) A composite comprising a thermoplastic resin and fiber, wherein the fiber is cellulosic or lignocellulosic fiber that has been sheared.

*Sub B1 cont.* 9. (Amended) The composite of claim 1, wherein the resin is a thermoplastic resin.

*AJ* 10. (Amended) The composite of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene, polycarbonate, polybutylene, thermoplastic polyesters, polyethers, thermoplastic polyurethane, PVC, and Nylon.

*AJ Sub B1 cont.* 13. (Amended) The composite of claim 1, wherein the composite comprises about 30% to about 70% by weight thermoplastic resin and about 30% to about 70% by weight fiber.

*Sub B1 cont.* 15. (Amended) A composite comprising a thermoplastic resin and fiber, wherein the composite has a flexural strength of at least 3,000 psi, wherein the fiber is cellulosic or lignocellulosic fiber that has been sheared.

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